Let's Talk About Sea Turtles!

Study Guide and
Comprehension Question Task Cards
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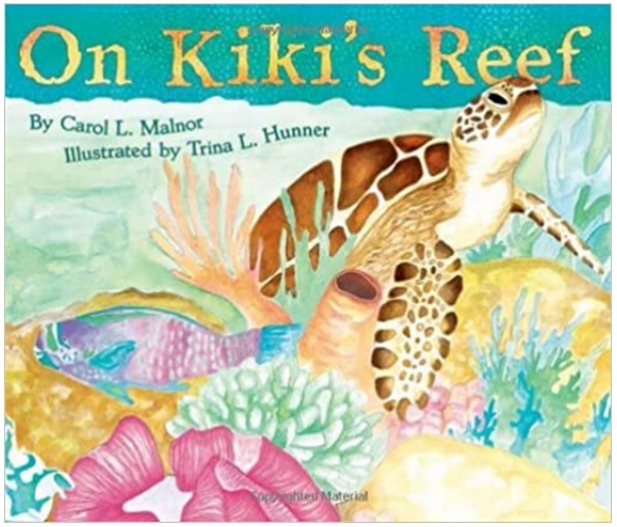

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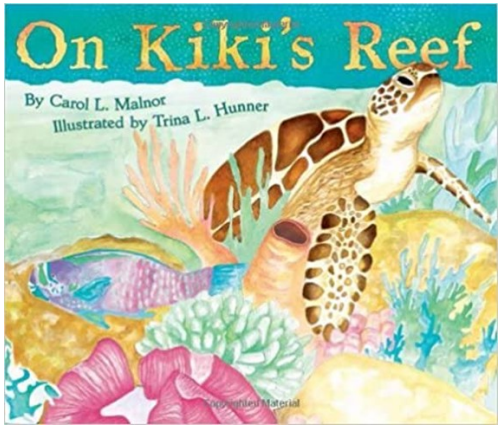
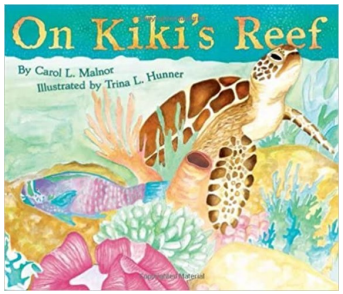


This packet includes:

- Read and Think guiding questions.
- Comprehension discussion task cards.
- Instructions for a foldable retell book.
- Answer Keys



Read and Think

Use the answers to these questions to write a summary.

1. **What is the genre of this book?** _____
2. **What is the setting?**

   _____

   _____
3. **Who are the main characters?**

   _____

   _____
4. **What is the problem in the story?**

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   _____
5. **Does the problem get solved? If so, how?**

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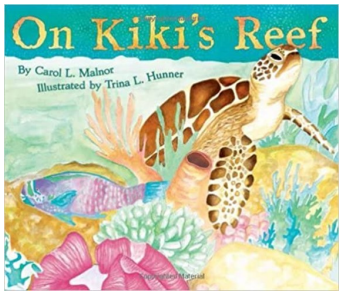

Read and Think

6. What was the purpose of the author telling this story?

7. Was there a lesson or a moral of this story?

8. Did you learn any new words in this story?

9. Pick a picture in this book. Explain what is happening.

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Task Card No.1

In the first part of this story, what is trying to catch Kiki, her brothers and her sisters as they emerge from the nest and go towards the ocean?

Task Card No.2

What gives Kiki shelter as she searches for food and hides from big fish in the ocean?

Task Card No.3

What does Kiki find in the shallow water with a rainbow of colors?

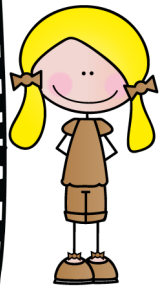
Task Card No.4

Are coral reefs plants or animals?

Task Card No.5

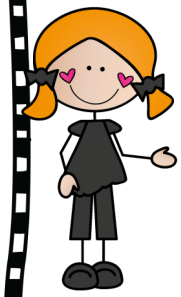
What has happened to Kiki's shell after several years of living in the water?

Hint: The tangs and wrasses clean Kiki because of this.



Task Card No.6

What large predator does Kiki have to hide from in the reef? Where does she hide?

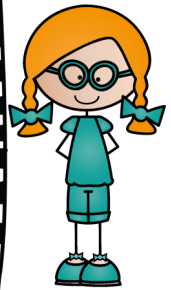


Task Card No.7

Kiki's friend, the seahorse, has a special talent to hide from predators. What is it?

Task Card No.8

One of Kiki's fish friends scrapes the coral for food. What kind of a fish is it?



Task Card No.9

What does Kiki get caught inside of as she begins the journey back to her first home? Does she escape?

Task Card No.10

How many eggs does Kiki lay in her nest?

Task Card No.11

Think about the threats that Kiki encountered during her early days as an adult in the reef and her journey back home. Were these threats natural or made by humans?

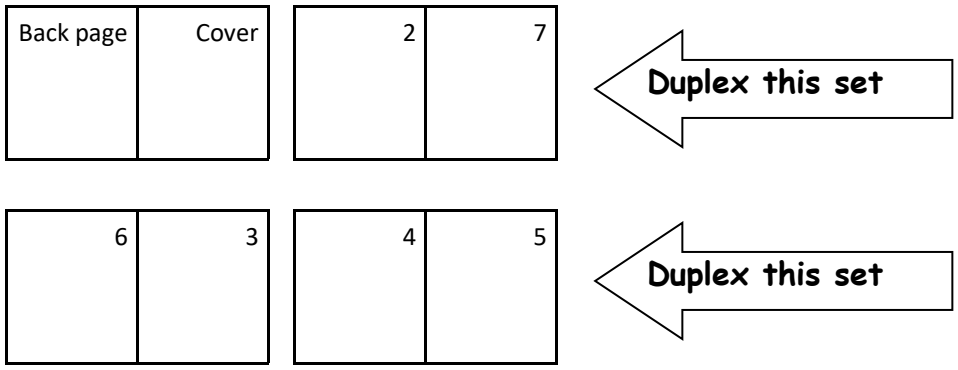
Task Card No.12

In the back of the book is a section about "Featured Creatures". Read the section, <u>Our cleaning station is open</u>. Explain what this is.

Foldable Retell Book

After reading **On Kiki's Reef**, use the **Read and Think** answers as well as the **Task Card** discussion to have students write a Retell Book.

1. Duplex Pages
2. Assemble in order.
3. Have students complete pages.



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All About
On Kiki's Reef

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Draw a picture

In the beginning of the story, On Kiki's Reef, _____

Three things I learned from this story:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

On Kiki's Reef

5 Things You Can Do to Help Sea Turtles

1. Carry reusable straws, water bottles and shopping bags. If a sea turtle eats plastic bags or other plastics that become tangled in seaweed, this can injure or kill them.

2. Turn out lights visible from the beach. Artificial light in homes can also discourage female turtles from nesting and confuse hatchlings trying to make their way to the ocean. If you do keep your lights on, close your blinds to reduce the glare as much as possible.

3. If you do encounter a sea turtle, remain calm and quiet and avoid them. If you frighten a female sea turtle, she may return to the ocean instead of nesting on the beach.

4. Clean up the beach. Trash often ends up on our beaches where it confuses baby sea turtles trying to make their way to the ocean. Whether you participate in group beach cleanups periodically or you walk the beach every so often to help clean up, remove trash that can be destructive to a sea turtle's habitat.

5. Fill in holes and knock down sandcastles before you leave the beach, so sea turtles are not turned away and hatchlings don't get stuck.

Draw a picture

Next, _____

_____

_____

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_____

_____

_____

Draw a picture

In the middle of the story,

Draw a picture

At the end of the story,

Answer Key

On Kiki's Reef

Read and Think Questions

1. Realistic Fiction
2. Beach and ocean
3. Kiki.
4. Kiki faces many natural threats and one human made as she travels and grows to adulthood.
5. Kiki's instincts as a young turtle help her survive the many natural threats she encounters and the quick release trap door in the net allows her to escape.
6. The author wants you to know that sea turtles become threatened as soon as they hatch from their nest by natural and human made threats.
7. The take away from this story is educating young readers about the different threats a sea turtle faces as they grow to adulthood. Also, the time Kiki spent in the coral reef is important because of the vast amount of animal species that share the reef habitat.

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Answer Key

On Kiki's Reef

Task Cards

1. Birds and crabs are trying to catch Kiki, her brothers and her sisters.
2. The beds of seaweed protect Kiki from predators in the ocean.
3. Kiki finds a coral reef.
4. A coral reef is made up of thousands of tiny animals called coral polyps. Some coral polyps are hard, and some are soft. These thousands of animals all live together in a small area. It is kind of like having to share a room with 1,000 brothers or sisters.
5. Kiki's shell has become covered with algae. The tangs and wrasses eat the algae on Kiki's shell which helps Kiki glide through the water with ease.
6. Kiki hides from a tiger shark. She makes a quick getaway through the seagrass to her coral reef.
7. Kiki's friend, the seahorse, can camouflage to stay safe from predators.
8. The parrotfish has sharp teeth to scrape the coral for food.
9. Kiki is caught in a fishing net. She escapes through the net's trap door.
10. Kiki lays 100 eggs.
11. The animals on the beach and large fish in the ocean are natural threats. The fishing net is made by humans.
12. Many fish and sea turtles get "dirty" with algae, bacteria and parasites. They can't clean themselves, so they get a bath at a cleaning station - places on the coral reef where special cleaner fish gather. Tangs clean green sea turtles and bluestreak wrasses have a partnership with bigger fish. It's a beautiful thing!

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